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SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF SOVIETS IN NEW YORK

REF: A. USUN 1357, B. USUN 1386, C. MOSCOW 5287

1. DRAWING FROM REF A, DEPTOFFS (EUR/SOV, A/SY AND IO/UNP)
APRIL 6 INFORMED SOVEMBASSY COUNSELOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS
KAVALEROV, SECURITY OFFICER YURCHENKO, AND THIRD SECRETARY
MALNEV OF CURRENT INVESTIGATIVE AND PROTECTIVE EFFORTS IN
NEW YORK. DEPTOFFS ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SOVIETS WOULD
CONSIDER PERMITTING SMUN SECURITY OFFICER SHCHERBAKOV
TESTIFY ABOUT APRIL 4 HARASSMENT INCIDENT (REF B) IF ASKED
TO DO SO BY AMERICAN AUTHORITIES. SOVEMBASSY OFFICERS SAID
THEY HAD DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH CHARGE VORONTSOV, WHO
FELT SHCHERBAKOV'S APPEARANCE IN COURT WOULD NOT BE APPRO-
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PRIATE, BUT DID NOT COMPLETELY CLOSE OFF THIS POSSIBILITY.

SOVIETS THOUGHT COURT APPEARANCE MIGHT ONLY PRODUCE UNDESIRABLE PRESS PUBLICITY AND STIMULATE MORE "ANTI-SOVIET" ACTS. SOVEMBASSY OFFICERS EXPRESSED OPINION THAT PERSONAL TESTIMONY BY SOVIET DIPLOMAT DID NOT APPEAR NECESSARY UNDER ACT FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND THEY RAISED POSSIBILITY OF SHCHERBAKOV'S GIVING WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN LIEU OF COURT APPEARANCE. DEPTOFFS OBSERVED THAT IN GENERAL WRITTEN DEPOSITIONS ARE NOT SATISFACTORY FOR PROSECUTING US CRIMINAL CASES, BUT THAT THIS WOULD BE UP TO US ATTORNEY TO DECIDE.

2. DEPTOFFS ALSO INFORMED SOVEMBASSY OFFICERS OF RECENT HARASSMENT OF AMERICANS IN MOSCOW, EMPHASIZING THAT US EFFORTS TO PROTECT SOVIET DIPLOMATS WERE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND THAT THOSE INVOLVED IN HARASSMENT CAMPAIGN IN MOSCOW SHOULD BE DISABUSED OF THOUGHT THAT SOMEHOW THEIR ACTIONS WOULD HELP SOVIETS IN NEW YORK. KISSINGER

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